

Literacy and Health

Key References and Resources for Health Professionals

1. **American Medical Association. Health Literacy Introductory Kit** which includes the video, *Low Health Literacy: You Can't Tell By Looking* and the article, *Health Literacy: Report of the Council on Scientific Affairs* by the Ad Hoc Committee on Health Literacy for the Council on Scientific Affairs (1999).
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/8115.html>
2. **Canadian Public Health Association, National Literacy and Health Program.** Many valuable resources available plus program information on *Staying the Course: Literacy and Health in the First Decade, The Second Canadian Conference on Literacy and Health*, October 17-19, 2004, Ottawa, ON. www.nlhp.cpha.ca
3. **Centre for Health Literacy of Quebec.** Link to the *Health Literacy Project*.
<http://www.nald.ca/litcent.htm>
4. **Harvard School of Public Health, Health Literacy Studies.** Access to reference literature and resources including the video, *In Plain Language*.
<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/video.html>
5. **Health Canada, Population Health.** *How Does Literacy Affect the Health of Canadians: A Profile Paper* (1998), Positions literacy as a population health issue.
<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hppb/phdd/literacy/literacy.html>
6. **Health Literacy Consulting,** Look for resources, tips and books by Helen Osbourne,
<http://www.healthliteracy.com/>
7. **Health Literacy in Rural Nova Scotia Research Project.** Go to Reports and Resources for links to *Taking Off the Blindfold: Seeing How Literacy Effects Health* and the Canadian Health Network article *Beyond Words: The Health Literacy Connection*
www.nald.ca/healthliteracystfx
8. **National Centre for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL).** See *Focus on Basics* Vol 5, Issue C: Literacy and Health,
http://gseweb.harvard.edu/~ncsall/fob/2002/fob_5ic.pdf
9. **Pfizer. Clear Health Communication Initiative.** See the Patient Education Handbook
<http://www.clearhealthcommunication.org>